

## Seventeenth Green Sale By Harmer Rooke & Co. Sets New Sales Record

The sale of Part XVII of the Col. E. H. R. Green collection, at the auction room of Harmer Rooke & Co., Inc. of New York broke many records for the first session on the afternoon of Nov. 13th, 1944. This session was devoted to 283 lots of which 235 were selected rare United States and Possessions items and the balance comprising rare Argentine and Chile, with a few mixed combination lots. In the short space of three hours these 283 lots were knocked down for a total of \$125,014.00 a record for a single session in an American sale, and a single buyer, Y. Souren bought about 60 of these lots for \$77,311.00, another record.

Mr. Souren was the buyer of the two most featured lots in the sale, the most celebrated being the plate number and arrow block of eight of the 24c 1918 Airmail with inverted center, which he secured for \$27,000.00 in the face of spirited bidding in which many buyers participated up to the \$20,000 mark. The other lots in which so much interest was centered was the only known complete uncut sheet of 400 of the 5c 1902 imperforate, Scott #315, which he secured at \$14,000.00. The prices these two items, which are among the most important rarities in United States stamps has been the subject of wide speculation in philatelic circles for the past several weeks. Among other extensive purchases, Mr. Souren regards his acquisition of the only known block of the \$5 State Department, most highly. This he secured at \$3500, while at the same time he also bought complete mint sheets of the \$10 and \$20 State Department at \$2900 and \$3000, respectively. Only one other set of these two sheets without pen marks, is believed to be in existence. He also acquired many choice plate number pieces in the rare bluish paper issues of 1909, including the top strips of three of the extremely rare 4c and 8c for \$2175, and the unique star plate block of the 1c, with 3mm spacing for \$1500. Another exceedingly important and unique item he acquired was the complete mint sheet of 100 of the 1c 1857, plate 4, with the entire bottom row of Type 1A stamps, the balance of the sheet being combinations of Type 2, 3, and 3A. This marvelous item cost him \$3750.00.

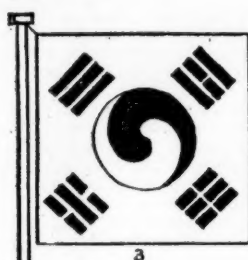
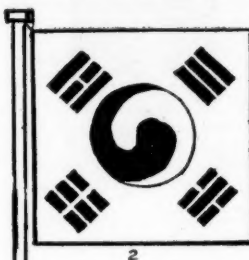
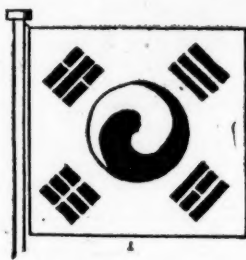
Among others contributing to the heavy bidding were Philip H. Ward, Jr., whose most important acquisition was one of the two known blocks of four of the 2c Pan American with inverted center for \$5750. This block, unfortunately was thinned on two stamps, or a much higher realization would certainly have taken place. Other buyers were Spencer Anderson, Irwin Heiman, Harry Keffner, M. Meghrig & Sons, Ezra Cole, who acquired some of the more valuable lots, while the balance was distributed among a large number of floor and mail buyers. Mail bidders, incidentally, secured only 36 lots for a total of \$5913, with approximately \$124,000.00 being taken by those present at the sale in person.

There are five more sessions offering an extensive collection of British Empire stamps, with notable B. N. A. and choice European and other foreign stamps. No doubt when the week has ended, new records will be chalked up for a single sale held in this country. If the amazing totals and activity of the first day are any criticism.

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## Korean Flag Differs In Design



(1) Flag of Korea as Pictured in the National Geographic Magazine of September 1938. Also as shown on Cachet by H. Grimsland of Chicago. (2) Flag of Korea as shown on cacheted envelopes of Cachet-Craft Cover Service. (3) Flag of Korea as pictured on the new stamp honoring Korea.

## "Cap" Pforzheimer

Captain Harry Pforzheimer passed away in Walter Reed hospital, in Washington, D. C., after a long illness, on October 17th, at the age of 66.

He had been an exceedingly active member of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club for the past six years—ever since he moved to Cleveland from Fort Thomas, Ky. He was the only member of the Club who collected precancels exclusively.

Known by all with genuine affection as "Cap,"—his title was derived from military service in two wars—he was one of the most unusual and esteemed collectors in the Middle West.

He was a man who carefully cultivated the impression that he had little or no use for sentiment; but actually his heart was very warm; he had a host of close friends, and an outstanding loyalty to Garfield-Perry and his fellow members. His great knowledge of precancels, which made him an acknowledged authority in that field, was freely shared with others; he was a shining example of the collector who derives the greatest amount of enjoyment from the hobby by helping his friends. The Club library was in particular very materially enriched by his numerous donations.

Philatelists in this section will long honor him for his high ideals, his inflexible honesty and his many contributions to the valuable stock of knowledge about the hobby which makes collecting more enjoyable.

His fellow members of Garfield-Perry will never forget his unselfish service and many worthwhile contributions to the welfare of the Club.

"Cap" has been called to his reward; but his unusual and lovable personality lives on in the memories of those who had the good fortune to know him.

—Ed. Piper.

## Eastern Precancel Gathering At Newark

The North Jersey Precancel Club is again host for a December precancel gathering and swapfest, to be held at Newark, N. J., all day Sunday, December 10, 1944. As in previous years, the Recreation Room, 2nd Floor, Northeast Wing, Public Service Terminal 80 Park Place, Newark, will be the location.

The room will be available from about 10 a. m. onwards until as late in the evening as anyone cares to stay.

There will be no set program just an unlimited precancel day, on the usual basis. Come, bring your duplicates and your collection and your want lists. Come for all day if you can, or for even an hour if you can't stay.

## Mail Into Sidney Damaged By Train

When the westbound flyer went through Sidney on November 10th, the mail clerk responsible for kicking the mail bags off the train failed to use enough effort as so often happened before and some of the bags were sucked back under the train which makes a merry mess with a bag of mail if you have ever seen such a mess.

The bag is torn to pieces and letters scattered up the track for anywhere up to a half mile or perhaps a mile. Letters are torn open, contents lost in some cases and several postal employees rush to the depot to salvage what can be picked up.

Out of this last crash landing of the mail in Sidney, several letters came to our office. We note one from Steve Killian of New Britain, Conn., another from Niagara Falls, New York, one from Auburn, N. Y., one from Rochester. Fortunately we believe the contents on these letters was recovered and that they are taken care of properly, but we have a letter from what we believe is Medina, O., which is almost illegible as to postmark and address in corner, and which when it reached our office contained only a piece of white paper and a 3c Philippines stamp which was apparently on the letter.

If we have someone in that city who mailed us a letter on November 9th, we would be glad to hear what was in that letter as contents are entirely missing.

## First Day Sales On Recent Stamps

Word comes from Washington with the first day sales report on the last four new stamps to be issued.

The first of these is the 13c and 17c Special Delivery, issued October 30th. The report lists both the 13c and 17c together so that no breakdown on each stamp is available, and total number of either or both stamps is not given.

Total cash value for the two stamps was \$42,769.59 and the total number of covers was 158,863.

For the 3c Motion Picture stamp issued first day at both New York City and Hollywood, we find that the sales at New York Totaled 1,137,136 stamps; at Hollywood, 690,429 stamps.

Total value at New York was \$34,114.08 and at Hollywood, \$20,712.87.

Covers canceled at New York was 190,660 and at Hollywood 192,860. It is interesting to note that in the number of covers canceled, the Hollywood figure is greater than New York. This is no doubt caused by heavy mailings by the Movie Industry.

The Korean stamp issued November 2 shows 776,620 stamps sold, with a total face value of \$33,831.00 and with 192,860 covers sent through.

We regret that there has been no statement made as to the number of stamps printed for either the Movie or the Korean issue.

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## THEY DIDN'T

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As we well know, Fala, is President Roosevelt's little dog that has traveled far and wide with him and the cover is thus a quite appropriate one for an election day cover.

## A. P. S. News And Views By An Active Member

The sales department of the A. P. S. sold for the members over \$73,000.00 worth of stamps for the fiscal year ending June 30th. This was an increase of more than \$30,000.00 over the previous year. This department under the management of J. E. Guest of Dallas, Texas has sold over one million dollars in stamps for the members during his term in office.

There was not a dissenting voice to the plan of President Lybarger at the Milwaukee convention of the A. P. S., covering the establishment of a central office and the employment of an executive secretary. Its now up to the A. P. S. members to give Lybarger an opportunity to put his plans to work and leave him long enough in office to direct their fulfillment.

The only law change, other than those proposed by President Lybarger was changing the term of the editor of the A. P. S. This was put through by Major Max Johl, who availed himself of the absence of Editor Kimble, who is on leave for military duty, to settle an old score.

It is rumored that the Milwaukee hosts came through the convention with a good round profit of several hundred dollars. It is a pity conventions have been so much commercialized. In the good old days if a club broke even on entertaining a convention they were lucky. In fact they often asked the Society for a few hundred to help out, but those were the days before the bourse, and when visitors were not called upon to foot the bill for all entertainment provided. We know of one A. P. S. Convention held on the West Coast a few years back, where one member's share of the expense over income ran over one thousand dollars. Oh, for those old times again.

The one thing the A. P. S. will have to do, to maintain this new executive office will be to increase their membership by several hundred and hold the membership 6000 at least, in spite of annual resignations. The members can do this if they will really get behind a membership campaign.

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## Is It Is Or Is It Ain't The Flag Of Korea That Is Pictured On New Stamp

Since our copy for our issue of last week went to the printer we have been diligently looking in every direction and through all the available reference books for further information on the Flag of Korea.

While the statements we made last week still seem to be correct, we want to make the following further observations here and sum the matter up in this one article.

We would naturally believe that the central design of the flag should be pictured in some definite form. Also that the small lines in the four corners should be in some definite arrangement for these four groups of what appear to be three short lines are all different.

The first question then is, what is the correct arrangement for the center circular design and for the corner markings.

A letter to the National Geographic Society, asking for any information concerning the flag of Korea brought back the information that the flag had been pictured in the September 1938 issue of their magazine. Ordinarily, most anyone would believe that the National Geographic Society would be a court of last resort as to the correct picturing of a flag of any country.

We are going to choose to believe that the picture as shown by the Society is correct and we refer you to the illustrations of the three flags as shown on this page. The flag marked Number 1 is that as pictured by the Society. You will note the arrangement of the central curlicue also the corner markings. Bear in mind that in the three illustrations shown, the red color in the central picture is shown as solid black, the other color is shown as white, in our pictures.

In the letter from Mr. Leonard C. Roy of the Society, he states that the Korean Flag is pictured on Page 382 of the September 1934 issue and calls our attention to the fact that the "whirligig" design is centered on a white background but that the colors red and blue and direction of whirl are reversed from what is shown on the issued stamp.

Mr. Roy also quotes the description of the flag as printed in the same issue of the magazine on page 388, and we quote that here, "485. CHOSEN (JAPAN).—The circular device on the Chosen (Korean) flag is known as the "pak-kwa". This symbol is supposed to represent any two complementary objects of Nature, such as male and female, or water and earth. The Japanese flag has latterly taken the place of the old flag of Korean in Chosen".

We should all realize that Korea was taken by Japan many years ago. That Japan changed the name of the country to Chosen, that in so far as any government of Korea is considered, there is none as it is under Japanese control. Therefore any flag of Korea would have to be the old flag which was in use at the time of the Japanese occupation.

We are presuming that this flag is the one as pictured by the National Geographic Society in 1938.

In reference to the flag, Mr. Roy writes that "At the time of preparation of the design for the new

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**THANKSGIVING**—Hope you had a pleasant one and I join you in prayer that your loved one or ones in the service of our nation, will be back with you at this time next year.

**NOTE TO CASE POLLSTERS**—We'll get started right after the Christmas mail rush is over and done with.

**HARRY WEISS FAUX PAS**—In the November 4th issue of Gossip he writes that many readers have asked him to exchange the photo drawing that heads his column for a real photo. He further states that he'll see what can be done about it. Harry, some collectors have young children, who frequently look through your paper thinking they contain "funnies". Why change that drawing and disappoint them? Let them have their fun! Besides a real photo would drive your readers to drink thus depriving your advertisers of that much more revenue. Continuing Uncle Harry, has a few words to say about this writer and the steak with zepp gravy. Week after week I knock myself out giving you the lowdown on this Milwaukee-Shorewood character and he always retaliates by telling you that my column is snappy and that he admires me. Maybe we could work this up into a real love affair. Gee whiz, now I have an admirer. What you need, Uncle, is a good gag writer. Enough of you for this week. Go chase around the barns before the snow flies. (He probably has special snow shoes for that, too).

**I ACCUSE**—This is a two part subject, the second part to be printed next week, so before you sit down to mail me an angry letter, wait it out until next week until I have finished the subject. Ever since I started this column I have been siding with the collectors and accusing the dealers of everything in the book. However, I have spent some time recently with some approval dealers who are honest, sincere and good business men, and what I have learned about collectors would fill more than a book. In writing this, I exclude from this discussion, (a) specialists in one stamp or one country or an philatelic subject, (b) those collectors who only buy their stamps from dealers in person. This has to do mainly with approval buyers and dealers and almost every dealer sells by mail to some extent.

We have read elsewhere, and I have written that some dealers are crooked. I now want to inform anyone who doesn't know it, that I have positive proof that for every crooked dealer there are ten crooked stamp collectors, and if you want proof, I can furnish it black on white. The advertisers in this paper who offer free stamps or stamps at cost to attract approval customers, can attest to how many collectors send for the offer with absolutely no intention of ever buying more than a few pennies worth of the first approval lot and then asking the dealer to discontinue his service. There are those collectors who use fancy stationery, either personal or business or fraternal, who

give lofty references, but who keep approvals five months, until a letter from a lawyer brings them back in worse for the wear condition. There are those who never pay and since the amount is small, it is not worth the legal fees attendant to collection. Then there are the stamp switchers, who switch their bad copy for the dealers good copy, and those who send long want lists and return 90% of the stamps for no given reason. Shall I mention those "good" customers who keep stamps for three to four or five weeks instead of the ten usual days allotted to them, thus causing the dealers overhead to rise through sending them constant reminders?

Or the customer who orders a set, pays for it, with the provision that if he can buy it cheaper from Domoblatz and Co., he intends to return the set and wants a refund. There are many more instances but at the moment they are not important. The fact is, there are some crooked dealers, but there are many more crooked collectors, and that is a strong charge. But I believe every advertiser in this or any other paper can bring out dozens of examples of where the customer has tried his darndest to cheat the dealer.

There must be many dealers who start out with lofty ideals as to the way they intend to carry on an honest, decent stamp company. I know of one who started out on the promise of paying postage both ways, sending free first day covers to his customers, obtaining albums and accessories which he did not carry, for those that needed them at cost plus postage and minus any profit to himself. Each batch of approvals was accompanied by a personal letter, intending to show interest in the collector. He followed out every rule which could be set up to make for successful business. Any dealer who has tried the same tactics can give you the answer. What happened to him, shouldn't happen to a dog!

People are not inherently dishonest, except a few, of course. The majority of stamp collectors are honest. But the majority of those who have no contacts with stamp clubs or who never get near a stamp dealer in person have not been educated into the proper way of buying stamps by mail. I believe that would also apply to a great many who only buy stamps in person.

The remedy? There is one, of course. A little less writing about Premier Gravures, or the pock marks on the Bavarian 1906, or the headache Martha Washington had when she posed for the portrait used on the present 1½ cent stamp, and a little more educating of collectors on the part of editors and columnists would go a long way to helping advertisers build up a successful clientele. There is one columnist who writes column after column about U. S. stamps as an investment. He can find more facts on that subject than there is on the Hope Diamond. Still another makes it his business to butt into editors affairs. These and the better writers, including my editor, George W. Linn, and Harry Lindquist and his staff and the editors and writers of GOS-SIP, MEKEELS, WESTERN STAMP and CHAMBERS ought to run an educational campaign for the betterment of stamp collecting, but especially for the good of the men who buy the space that keeps them going. This may be to unimportant for some of our journals, too picayunish, or "the time may not be right",

but on behalf of these collectors who read my column, and for the advertisers whose ads appear in this paper, I shall devote next weeks column to HOW TO BUY STAMPS. It may behoove some of you who think you know the subject backwards and forwards, to lower your dignity long enough to scan next weeks column.

## Brazer To Display Proofs And Essays

The members and guests of the Bronx County Stamp Club, Bipex, Inc., 120 East 149 Street, Bronx, New York City are in for a very interesting evening November 20, 1944 when they will have the opportunity to listening to Clarence W. Brazer discuss U. S. Essays and Proofs. Mr. Brazer will also show from his personal collection. Mr. Brazer is without exception the leading authority on this subject. Visitors are always welcome.

### COLLECTOR'S CLUB ELECTS

At its annual banquet held at the Stafford Hotel in Baltimore the Collectors Club of Baltimore Inc. elected its new officers for the year 1944-45. They were: President H. P. McEntee, Vice President, Hamilton A. Hooper, Secretary Mrs. H. P. McEntee, Secretary, Mrs. Ruby Nattman, Librarian Dr. Huntley Lloyd.

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## LET'S BURY IT AND FORGET IT

That poor Philippine Stamp, the one we will always call the Corregidor stamp or something else. Altho announced in the first place as a stamp to Honor the Philippines, for some hidden reason this stamp was never issued but we did issue thirteen other stamps, all nice attractive looking ones to honor thirteen other overrun nations, some of which have failed to put up as gallant a fight as the Filipinos have, in this present fight for freedom. The stamp that was issued will be known as the Corregidor stamp. There has been much ridicule heaped upon this stamp and we think it deserves all it got. It is not ridicule of the Filipinos, but ridicule of the Officials responsible for the subject on this horrible looking postage stamp. We have referred to the stamp as picturing the island hind end foremost and we are called to account for this by various newspaper columnists who claim the stamp is not a map picture, but just a picture and that when one prints a picture they can darn well place the picture in any position they choose and are not bound by Compass directions.

Admitting all this, its not a map, just a picture, we feel confident that the people who went to school and saw relief maps will still consider this a map, at least a relief map and we think most readers will agree with us, that a relief map should be shown with due respect to compass points.

Leastwise it would have been just as good looking a stamp and would have saved itself that much "Question" as to its correct appearance.

If our newspapers start printing pictures of the people with them all standing on their heads, I am sure that there would be some question about that. Probably the correct solution of this problem is that the artist who first made the picture is one of those Cubists or Surrealists. If so we hope that the Postoffice Department will not put us on a steady diet of much stamps.

## COMING UP

Last week we spoke of plans for a large size auction list to be published in this paper. We are now working with two different dealers on such plans and hope to have both these lists soon.

We have felt for some time that stamp dealers were overlooking a big bet with their auctions. Here we are prepared to give an auction a circulation of more than 17,000 copies to live stamp collectors and we are confident that such circulation will help any reputable dealer who will offer a first class auction through our columns. Watch for these sales. There are thousands of stamp collectors who have never bid at an auction, the field for new buyers among these collectors is immense. You will reach many of them through almost any stamp paper and many of them will develop into fine customers.

## STAMPS FOR CHRISTMAS

Thousands of stamp collectors will give stamps and Philatelic supplies to friends, for Christmas. In many communities, these can only be bought through the mail, from dealers in distant cities. Now, immediately, is the time that stamp dealers should make offers of attractive supplies, packets and choice sets and single stamps for Christmas giving. Offers made immediately before the Christmas date are too late to get the business for orders sent then will not get back to the buyers in time for such use.

To get the proper results from any kind of advertising, one must look ahead, plan for every event. Local retail merchants can boost Christmas giving up to the last day because their sales are local but where mail orders are involved, all must be done in advance.

## DAFFY STAMP DEALERS

In the November 10 issue of The Stamp Wholesaler is an advertisement wherein a dealer asks for used Corregidor stamps and states that he will pay \$3.50 per 100 for clean copies.

We would not advise anyone to ship quantities of this stamp to this party with the hope of getting \$3.50 per 100. Certainly the man is daffy and anyone who tries to sell him at that figure will prove himself just as daffy.

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Kansas, would be added to both AM-2 and AM-9 on December 1st. As yet I have not confirmed this information; but if you'll heed my advice you'll send your covers right out. Topeka will be served between Kansas City, Mo., and Wichita, Kansas, on both routes. Be sure that all covers are clearly marked "AM-2" or "AM-9" so that they are carried on the proper routes. These are two separate and distinctive routes (AM12 is a New York to Los Angeles Transcontinental Route while AM-9 is a Chicago-Dallas North-South route), and each will receive separate catalogue listing.

Effective Sunday, November 5th, and Monday, November 6th, Huntsville, Alabama, was added to AM-55. This flight has been pending for several years and finally took place, but on very short

definite notice. AM-55 is operated by PCA (Capital) Airlines (formerly known as Pennsylvania-Central Airlines) and is a Pittsburgh-Birmingham route. Huntsville was added between Chattanooga, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala.

To commemorate this first flight, an attractive unofficial cachet was designed and sponsored by the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce and the Huntsville Salesman's Club.

This cachet was applied to covers in black ink.

Covers are postmarked as follows:

Huntsville, Ala. (North to Chattanooga) Nov. 5th 12:30 P. M. or 2:30 P. M.

Huntsville, Ala. (South to Birmingham) Nov. 5th 12:30 P. M. or 2:30 P. M. or Nov. 6th 11:30 A. M. or 12:30 P. M.

Birmingham, Ala. (North to Huntsville) Nov. 5th 1:30 P. M. Chattanooga, Tenn. (South to Huntsville) Nov. 6th 10-AM.

Covers addressed c/o General Delivery at any of these cities were backstamped as follows:

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Nov. 5, 1944.

Birmingham, Ala.—Nov. 6, 1944.

Huntsville (from Birmingham) —Nov. 5th 3:30 PM.

Huntsville (from Chattanooga) —Nov. 6th 1:30 PM.

The reason for the difference in dates is that the first southbound flight from Huntsville did not occur until Monday, November 6th. Most of the covers specifically marked SOUTHBOUND or addressed to Birmingham were either postmarked Nov. 6th or postmarked with the covers on the 5th and then held over until the southbound flight on the following day. Mr. L. G. Collier, the Postmaster at Huntsville, personally autographed most of the covers.

There were 3,160 covers flown from Huntsville north through Chattanooga (included in this figure are those covers which were intended to go southward but which received the cancellation of Nov. 5th); 300 covers flown Southward to Birmingham (postmarked Nov. 6th); 230 covers flown from Birmingham to Huntsville; and 219 covers flown from Chattanooga to Birmingham.

If any readers have any duplicate covers dated Nov. 6th that they are willing to sell or trade, I would appreciate their writing to me immediately and letting me know how many they can dispose of.

In closing, I want to add a word of praise to the Huntsville Postmaster for some super postmarks. These covers were among the best cancellation of 1944. Also a word of praise to Mr. John C. Stanard of Huntsville who handled most of the covers. Unfortunately, the special envelopes which the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce sold for their local U. S. O. were of the larger size and unfortunately, most of them came through in damaged condition.

M. J. Kardos and W. T. Repack were the pilots on the first flight northbound (Nov. 5th) while Wm. Riley and John C. Trevor flew the first southbound flight on Nov. 6th.

In addition to the Topeka, Kans., flights which I mentioned at the beginning of this column, other flights which may take

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To those of you attending the SEPAD Show in Philadelphia Dec. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Stop at the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club Booth and introduce yourself to me. I expect to be there from about Saturday noon until Sunday evening. Incidentally, we will have MAN'S FIGHT TO FLY on sale there also.

Next week, unless some more important news comes up, I will devote that column to a complete listing of all forthcoming first flights. The last list that I issued in mid-summer is now rather obsolete, so I will issue a revised listing next week.

Guess that's about all for this week. Thanks for the news and covers to: John C. Stanard; Emily Youmans (Chief Clerk-Traffic, PCA Airlines); J. L. Fulghum (Regional Assistant of Airmail Service at Atlanta); Manson C. Miller; P. C. Nahl; M. S. Petty; Lester B. Rector; F. E. Howe; and G. F. Lancaster.

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**CHILE**—Two further stamps of the 1941 airmail set have been reissued on unwatermarked paper: a 30c, black brown, type AP5, and a 5P., orange red, type AP10.

—Leon Monosson

**CHINA**—From the Scott Stamp & Coin Co has come a cover franked with all six of the child relief semi-postal surcharges. The stamps, all of a common design, feature a group of child refugees, fleeing the ravages of war, with a few of their prized belongings. The values at the bottom were marked out, and new values printed in black, as follows: \$2 plus \$2 on 50s.; plus 50s., blue; \$4 plus \$4 on 8s.; plus 8s., green; \$5 plus \$5 on 21s.; plus 21s., brown; \$6 plus \$6 on 28s.; plus 28s., olive; \$10 plus \$10 on 33s.; plus 33s., carmine; and \$20 plus \$20 on \$1 plus \$1, purple.

**COLOMBIA** — Commemorative. In addition to the 2 values listed last week to mark the 75th Anniversary of the General Beneficent Association of the province of Cundinamarca, there are 3 more values to complete the set. The 20c, green and black, issued in sheets of 8 stamps reproduces the likeness of Murillo Toro, president of Colombia in 1869. The 40c, black and red, printed in small sheets of 4, pictures the Hosp. San Juan de Dios. The 1P, black and red, printed in sheets of two, shows "Edificio Virrey Solis". At the same time, a miniature sheet with all the 5 stamps of the set, imperf., has been issued in a very small quantity.

—Leon Monosson

**HONDURAS** — Commemorative Air Mail. A single 21c stamp was issued on October 12th to commemorate the inauguration of the Pan American Agriculture school in the valley of El



Zamorano, Tegucigalpa. Stamp is green and features one of the buildings in the school, and was printed by American Bank Note Co.

—N. Y. Sun

**MEXICO**—Two more stamps have been reissued on paper with new wmk. 272. These are: 50c, green, airmail, type AP21; 20c, salmon, express, type SD3.

**SOUTHERN RHODESIA**—The 1943 Matebelaland commemorative and the 50th anniversary issue of 1940 were withdrawn from sale on October 31 and the remaining stock will be destroyed.

—Stamp Collecting

**SWITZERLAND**—Air Mails. A set of three airport stamps was issued on September 1, 1944, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Swiss air mail. The values are 10c gray brown inscribed "Schweiz Luftpost," 20c rose red and cream—"Posta Aerea Svizzera" and 30c ultramarine—"Poste Aeriennne Suisse." They will be valued until May 31, 1945. From September 1st-18th, a single stamp of 1.50fr was placed on sale for use on a special flight which took place on September 20th between Zurich-Bern-Lausanne and Geneva. The design pictures a modern transport plane.

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## TECHNICAL REPORT

### WORLD'S FAIR ISSUE OF PORTUGUESE COLONIES

One of the greatest of the air mail scandals is the case of the stamps of the Portuguese colonies overprinted as commemoratives of the New York World's Fair.

It was on November 7, 1939 that the Acting Commissioner General of Portugal's New York World's Fair Commission sent a circular letter to the stamp trade announcing that his government had authorized the overprinting of 2,000 copies of one stamp of each of eight Portuguese colonies with a trylon and perisphere to commemorate the Fair. He stated that this issue had been authorized by official decree of the Minister of Colonies on August 15, 1939. The eight stamps appeared in the New York philatelic market at some time about the middle of November, 1939 having, it is believed, been overprinted in New York.

Subsequent research has established that no decree authorizing these stamps was issued on August 15, 1939 or on any date prior to their appearance. However, a decree authorizing them was issued on December 2, 1939, about a month after their sale in New York. From this it would appear that after the stamps were marketed in New York their sponsors managed to have a decree put into the record in Lisbon in order to legitimize them.

But the decree of December 2, 1939 violates a decree of December 2, 1929 which provides that no issue of stamps may be made for a Portuguese colony in a quantity less than 100,000 copies. Thus the decree of December 2, 1939 is in violation of the decree of December 2, 1929; and the World's Fair issue is illegal. Nevertheless, if regularly placed in use they would be postage stamps of the colonies. But according to the magazine Portugal Filatelico (Lisbon) they were never placed in use in the colonies nor were they ever available at the Colonial Office in Lisbon.

The Sanabria catalogue lists these adhesives. For all the normal varieties there is a uniform price of \$7.50 mint, \$15.00 cancelled, \$30.00 for a mint block of four, and \$20.00 for a copy cancelled on cover. There are also errors: three of the varieties come with inverted overprint, three with double overprint, and one has the overprint in the wrong color. The last is the masterpiece and is quoted at \$200.00 mint, \$250.00 cancelled, and \$300.00 cancelled on cover. It is interesting to note that although these adhesives

were not on sale in the Portuguese colonies they do exist cancelled and cancelled on cover.

These items present an interesting problem to philatelists. Since they were legitimized by a decree after their issue, is it reasonable to say that they are not stamps of the Portuguese colonies? On the other hand, if they were not placed on sale to the public in the colonies should they be regarded as postage stamps?

The Latin American Unit of the American Philatelic Society is much interested in obtaining the opinion of collectors on this matter. If you care to give your opinion send it to the chairman, John N. Myer, 435 Riverside Drive, New York, 25, N. Y. All letters will receive a reply.

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**IS IT THE FLAG OF KOREA ON NEW STAMP**

Continued from page 1

Korea stamp, the Post Office Department made a very careful research relative to the design and authenticity of the flag, and I am calling your letter to the attention of Mr. Roy M. North, Deputy Third Assistant Postmaster General.

Following are two paragraphs from the letter from Mr. North:

"The flag adopted is that of independent Korea as it appears in 'Flags of Maritime Nations', edition of 1899, published by the Bureau of Equipment, Navy Department."

"When properly illustrated, the red portion of the central design should be at the top with the heavier portion nearest to the triangle of three unbroken lines. The central arrangement appears slightly different from the reverse side."

Just exactly what Mr. North means is a bit more than we can be positive of. He says "When properly illustrated". Does this admit that the picture as on the stamp is not a proper illustration. Further he says that the design "appears slightly different from the reverse side."

Is this an admission that the illustration on the stamp is from the reverse side or possible that a photo negative print may have been made from a negative that has been turned wrong side up when printed.

Leastwise we learn nothing from the letter as it does not explain in a manner that we can be sure we understand. He speaks of the red portion of the central design as being at the top. We presume he means as shown on the stamp, but even then, the arrangement of the curlicue design is different than shown in the National Geographic magazine.

In fact there seems to be a great bit of difference of opinion with regard to this central design and when we look at old stamps of Korea which picture this design, we begin to wonder, is there an actual right and wrong position for these curlicues for we find them pictured differently on different stamps. Also most cachets designed by the various cachet designers do not agree.

The illustration we print on page one show (1) The flag as pictured by the National Geographic Society. Also we note that the cachet on the engraved envelope by H. Grimsland is identical with this Number 1 design. The cachets on the envelopes by L. W. Staehle for his own cachet covers is same as number 1, also his drawing for the Smartcraft covers is same as number 1. But Mr. Staehle also made the drawing for the Cachet Craft covers and in this drawing he has reversed the central curlicue, while the corner markings are as our Number 1 design, making this latter cover our Number 2 flag.

The number 3 flag we picture is as shown on the stamp and it will be noted that the central design is wholly different from all the other and also that the small line mark-

ings in the corners are different from the others.

The great point however with reference to this flag of Korea is that the National Geographic Society pictures the flag as square, as we have illustrated it in all three instances. No cachet contains a square flag and we are therefore led to wonder why the flag was pictured as a square flag in the Geographic Magazine.

There is a need for some definite research and information on this subject.

Going back to the article by Mr. James Waldo Fawcett in his column in the Washington Star we are told that the colors of the Korean flag should be red and black on a white ground. This also leads to a demand for definite information.

Mr. Fawcett also describes and gives detail about the small lines in the corners of the flag and definitely locates each different group of lines in precise corners of the flag. His location of these groups of lines does not agree with the issued stamp, so someone is wrong.

With regard to the position of the lines in the corners, Mr. Fawcett places the three whole lines in the upper left corner. The three broken lines in the lower right corner, the two whole lines on either side of the broken line are in the lower left corner and the two broken lines either side of the whole line are in the upper right corner.

This arrangement does not agree with the issued stamp or with any of the cacheted cover designs we have seen.

Thus we can only come to the conclusion that something is wrong somewhere. From the information we have been able to find, it appears that the actual flag should be as our Number 1 illustration, a square flag, the colors of which should be red and black. Just as illustrated if you consider the dark part of the central figure as red, and the white portion as black, the corner markings also being black.

Certainly, there must be some source in Washington that can definitely settle this entire matter and we can only hope that those who have access to information will make a definite effort to find the correct answer.

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### SPECIAL NOTICE

Beginning with this edition, the new members listed, changes of address, etc., are not listed in the new Year Book as it is now being printed and beyond the correction stage, thank the Lord. Those who intend to keep their address lists currently corrected had therefore better check these changes into the book when you receive it.

**ANDY OVERSEAS**

Friends and correspondents of member #323, Pvt. Andy Fleisch, may be interested to hear that he is now overseas. His address is the same Company and Regiment with the addition of A. P. O. 470, c/o P. M. New York City. He's pretty busy these days but would be glad to hear from his friends and will answer to the best of his ability, duties permitting.

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Many of the friends of member #385, Sgt. G. A. Durnbaugh, won-

der why he uses stamps on his letters. Well, the Sarge is located at Wright Field, which is one of the "Big Wagwags" of the Army Air Force and a lot of the "Super-Brass Hats" are located at this field, both bomb-droppers and ink-slingers. Of course there is a very high degree of efficiency maintained under such circumstances, in fact they have guys here who check on the guys who check the guys who do the checking. In the course of his martial duties, one of these super-sleuths discovered that the Sarge was using his "FREE" frank on philatelic mail which it seems is in violation of one of the rules of the Army. This being so, the Sarge is forbidden the Soldier's Fifth Freedom, "Freedom from Postage" on his philatelic mail so hence the stamps. This is the first incident of this kind we have heard of and it's a good thing for the hobby that we don't have many members at Wright Field else we wouldn't get many "FREE" covers for our collections. This is the Wright way of maintaining morale. Maybe I'm nuts.

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In the new panto I have .07258 blue, both perf 12 1/2 and rouletted 7, "Under 3.2 per cent"; .14516 carmine perf 12 1/2, .14516 crimson rouletted 7 and .19355 orange perf 12 1/2 "Over 3.2 per cent". (Some mentioned previously.)

The Beer set is now appearing with the signatures "Julius A. Schmah" and "Earl G. Haskin". I have the .09677 black "Under 3.2 per cent" rouletted 7.

OKLAHOMA. The new design Tobacco stamps now include the 10c value; green in color.

United States Mail  
Was First Sorted In  
Transit In 1862

by Willis E. Potter

Indisputable credit for inaugurating the Railway Post Office service, i. e. sorting mail in transit, belong to W. A. Davis, a clerk in the St. Joseph, Mo., post office, who conceived the idea and put it into operation on the historic Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad (now a part of the Burlington system) July 28, 1862. At the time the H. & St. Joe began sorting mail en route, it was making connections with the overland mail stages, which carried the mail west from St. Joseph after the famed Pony Express ceased operations in October, 1861.

There is no question in the minds of postal historians about Davis' priority. In confirmation of this, I quote a few qualified authorities:

"In the light of all that the Railway Mail service has grown to be in recent years, it becomes an interesting question as to where the credit belongs for originating this service. Several claimants for the honor have arisen. . . . There seems to be no doubt that Mr. Davis (William A. Davis of St. Joseph, Mo.) was the first to distribute through mails in the United States, and the first to have cars prepared for that purpose, as was done by the Hannibal and Saint Joseph Railroad for the transportation of overland mails. . . . A thorough search of the records reveals nothing bearing upon the distribution of through mails earlier than the letter of the postmaster at St. Joseph, which presumably contained the suggestions of Mr. Davis, and led to the experiment in connection with the overland mails." "History of the Railway Mail Service," published by the order of Congress, 1865.

"The credit for suggesting the first step toward the present (R. P. O.) system has generally been given to Colonel G. B. Armstrong who in 1864 was Assistant Postmaster at Chicago. This is incorrect. Mr. W. A. Davis, a clerk of the St. Joseph, Mo., post office, where the overland mail was made up, conceived the idea in 1862." (Former Postmaster General Thomas L. James, 1892).

"Recognize services of William A. Davis of Saint Joseph, Mo., as superintendent of overland mail distribution on the cars of the Hannibal and Saint Joseph Railroad Company from 26th of July to 31st August, 1862, at \$100, and refer to Auditor to pay him that amount."—Official orders, Post Office Department, September 24, 1862.

"The father of railway mail service" was General William A. Davis of St. Joseph. . . . The assistant postmaster general at the time, A. N. Seevely. . . . said, 'I talked with Mr. Davis in St. Joe during my visit there, preparatory to a trip on the overland stage, and believe that the idea of assorting mail on the cars, instead of delaying them for that purpose in the distributing post office in St. Joseph was entirely original with himself.'—Walter B. Stevens, Centennial History of Missouri.

"The next step in the evolu-

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tion of the (postal) service was the distribution of overland mail on the line from Hannibal to St. Joseph, Mo. . . . This was in 1862"—History of the Postal Service, Bureau of the Second Assistant Postmaster General.

According to Postmaster General James, Col. Armstrong, who became the first General Railway Mail Superintendent deserves much credit for organizing the system, but W. A. Davis of St. Joseph unquestionably conceived and placed in service in 1862 on the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad the first mail sorting car in the United States.

A replica of the original Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad R. P. O. car, which the Burlington Railroad uses on historical occasions, contains a bronze plaque, placed on the car by the Railway Mail Association in 1937 upon the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the inauguration of the first R. P. O. service, which reads: "Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the First Railway Post Office—Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad (Now part of Burlington Route) West Quincy to St. Joseph, Missouri, July 28, 1862. Presented by the Railway Mail Association, Chicago Union Station, July 28, 1937."

All credit to Col. Armstrong for introducing R. P. O. service on the Chicago & North Western and Organizing the Railway Post Office service, but it is not to be forgotten that W. A. Davis of St. Joseph, Mo., conceived the idea and was responsible for Americas first R. P. O. car, on the Hannibal & St. Joseph, and that the Railway Post Office service dates from Davis' car in 1862, not from Armstrong's adaptation thereof in 1864.

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237-1.20	297-1.50	371-2.00
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#703 2c Yorktown	F	.55

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#737 3c Mother's Day Rot.	.05 .18
#738 3c Mother's Day Flat.	.05 .18
#740 1c Parks	.02 .06
#741 2c Parks	.03 .11
#743 4c Parks	.06 .24
#772 3c Connecticut	.04 .15
#773 3c San Diego	.04 .16
#774 3c Boulder Dam	.04 .16
#775 3c Michigan	.04 .17
#777 3c Rhode Island	.04 .16
#782 3c Arkansas	.04 .16
#783 3c Oregon	.04 .17
#784 3c Anthony	.04 .15
#785 1c Army	.02 .07
#786 2c Army	.03 .11
#787 3c Army	.04 .15
#790 1c Navy	.03 .11
#791 2c Navy	.02 .07
#795 3c Circinace	.04 .16
#796 5c Virginia Dare	.08 .30
#798 3c Const. Sesqui.	.04 .16
#799 3c Hawaii	.04 .16
#836 3c Swedes-Finns	.05 .18
#894 3c Pony Express	.06 .24
#895 3c Pan American	.04 .16
#903 3c Vermont	.04 .15

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#738 3c Mother's Day Flat.	(6) \$ .29
#740 1c Parks	(6) .10
#741 2c Parks	(6) .19
#772 3c Connecticut	(4) .18
#773 3c San Diego	(4) .19
#774 3c Boulder Dam	(6) .23
#776 3c Texas	(4) .18
#777 3c Rhode Island	(4) .18
#782 3c Arkansas	(4) .18
#783 3c Anthony	(4) .18
#785 1c Army	(4) .08
#786 2c Army	(4) .13
#798 3c Const. Sesqui.	(4) .18
#799 3c Hawaii	(4) .19
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3c Em'ron .07 .28	3c Herbert .06 .24	
5c Alcott .09 .35	5c McDowell .09 .35	
10c Clemens .10 .35	10c Nevins .10 .35	
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2c Whittr .05 .20	2c Whistler .04 .18	
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10c Iriley .50 .10	10c Remgmt .30 .115	
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2c Hopkins .05 .20	2c Morse .04 .17	
3c Eliot .07 .26	3c McCormk .07 .26	
5c Willard .09 .35	5c Howe .15 .50	
10c B.T.W'sh. .32 .125	10c Bell .40 .10	
1c Audbn .03 .10	*Some 10c Clemens, 2c Long .05 .20 Nevins, Remington 3c Burb'nk .07 .28 off center (but not 5c Reed .09 .35 DC) at 18c angles, 10c Addams .30 .110 70c blocks.	